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Dear [REDACTED]

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002**

Thank-you for your request for the provision of the following information.

I am writing to get information on how many mental health nursing staff you provide in Scottish prisons in your NHS Board area, in this case at Kilmarnock prison.

For that institution I am looking for the following information for the last five years:

how many mental health nursing staff are available 9am-6pm.

how many mental health nursing staff are available 6pm-9am

how many mental health nursing staff are available on Saturday and Sunday

For each year could you please specify if any mental health nursing staff have on long-term sick leave and for how long?

**Response**

NHS Healthcare, HMP Kilmarnock is staffed through a mixture of nurse practitioners and mental health nurses (RMNs) who work between the hours of 7am to 9.30pm, Monday to Friday and 7.30am to 8pm Saturday and Sunday. There is no overnight nurse provision within HMP Kilmarnock (this was removed in 2016) but there is an overnight on call GP provision everyday.

There is no set number of RMNs allocated to be on shift but there is a minimum of one RMN on shift each day (weekday and weekend).

The current establishment for RMN's within HMP Kilmarnock is 6 wte.

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The information you have requested is not held in a fashion that would allow us to easily provide it. To provide this information SSTS would require to be accessed and mental health nurses identified, as the Healthcare Centre within HMP Kilmarnock employs both mental health nurses (RMN) and registered general nurses (RGN). SSTS would require to be manually trawled week by week over the past five years to extract the information regarding RMNs shifts and sickness absence.

This would be burdensome on our limited resources and a time consuming exercise. We estimate this would take several hours and be out with the cost of compliance as this would exceed the £600 prescribed limit set in regulation 5 of the Freedom of Information (Fees for Required Disclosure)(Scotland) Regulations 2004. Therefore NHS Ayrshire & Arran is not obliged under section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 to comply with your request.

You may wish to narrow the parameters of your request, which may bring the cost of compliance below the threshold. Any further request for information will be treated as a new Freedom of Information request. If you wish to narrow your request please contact me and we can discuss what could be provided within the cost limit.

In coming to this decision we have taken into account the guidance provided by the Scottish Information Commissioner (SIC) on applying [section 12](#).

I trust this response is helpful. However, under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 if you are dissatisfied with our response you are entitled to request a review. A request for a review must be made in writing to [REDACTED] Head of Information Governance, NHS Ayrshire & Arran, 14 Lister Street, University Hospital Crosshouse, Kilmarnock, KA2 0BB or email [InformationGovernance@aapct.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:InformationGovernance@aapct.scot.nhs.uk), no later than 40 working days from 29 November 2018. You must provide your name, an address for correspondence, details of your original request and say why you want a review.

If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner at [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal)

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further advice or assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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